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I am pleased to announce that Fort Knox and the United States Army Armor Center will host an Armor Warfighting Conference from 17-20 May 2010. The theme for this year's conference is "Mounted Warriors: Honoring the Legacy, Spearheading the Future."

In keeping with that theme, we have a dynamic and varied agenda for the conference. In addition to the normal vehicle and product displays, each day's agenda will have a mixture of Subject Matter Expert (SME) briefings. I have invited several of the Army's top leaders to speak for the SME briefings, so I expect we will all get a great update on what the Army is doing around the world as well as where the Army is going. I am asking that our battalion and brigade commanders and our command sergeants major attend as possible. You leaders are in a unique position to carry back what you learn at the conference to the Soldiers in your units. I understand that everyone is busy with many competing priorities. However, those who attend the Armor Conference will have an invaluable opportunity to get an update of the current status and future direction of the Armor and Cavalry force.

I also want to make everyone aware of the opportunity to nominate a deserving individual for this year's Frederick M. Franks award. Each year the Armor Center gives this award to an active duty or reserve officer, noncommissioned officer, or Department of the Army civilian who has demonstrated a long-time contribution to warfighting capabilities of the US Army. In keeping with the theme "Mounted Warriors: Honoring the Legacy, Spearheading the Future," this year we will give special consideration to the nominees who embody the spirit of the mounted warrior past and present. This award is a great chance to recognize someone who has worked hard to make our branch and our Army better. I ask everyone to consider who in your organization might be a good nominee. Details for submission of the Frederick Franks Award, as well as details on all aspects of the Armor Conference, are available on the conference website at <http://www.knox.army.mil/armorconf/>.

I thank everyone for the good work you are doing for our Army and our nation. I encourage everyone to try and provide attendees for this year's conference. It will only be as good as the Soldiers you send us. I look forward to seeing everyone at Fort Knox this spring.

TREAT 'EM ROUGH!


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